Institute for advance research in Science and Technology in Assam

516. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Institute for Advanced Research in Science and Technology in Assam;

(b) whether the Task Force set up by the Government of Assam has submitted its report to the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The task force set up by the Government of Assam had submitted its report to Central Government for consideration and financial support.

An Inter-Ministerial meeting was held on November 4, 1991 involving various scientific agencies|departments of the Centre, representatives of the Planning Commission, Home Ministry as well as the Government of Assam. It was decided that the S&T activities in Assam are to be enhanced through the existing Institute for Advanced study in Science and Technology and for this the resources required should be projected by the Assam Government appropriately in their 8th Five Year Plan, for consideration by the Planning Commission.

Assam Government is expected to take necessary follow-up action in consultation with the Planning Commission on the decision taken by the Inter-Ministerial group.

Pesticides contract in drinking water

517. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far no standards have been laid down for pesticides in water for drinking of farm use as is the case in countries such as USA, UK etc.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and action taken or proposed to be taken under the scheme for promotion of science to protect consumer interest;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in USA the USEPA is active in such matters and the US General Accounting Office also oversees independently USA GAO|RCED—92—34 December, 1991 and reports directly to the House of Representatives;

(d) how many samples from wells, rivers, lakes etc. were drawn during 1990-91 in the country; and what pesticides were tested and whether these were in line with USEPA minimum standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the work plan for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):

(a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Building of Satellite Launch Vehicle

518. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 26th March, 1992 under the caption 'ISRO to build satellite launch vehicle', stating that the Indian Space Research Organisation is to build a new GSLV rocket;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the targets fixed for the purpose; and

(c) by when the country would be able to launch its satellite through indigenously built rocket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Project to de-

velop indigenous capability to launch Indian National Satellite-2 (INSAT-2) class satellites was approved in November 1990. During the last 18 months substantial progress has been made. All the design parameters of GSLV have been finalised and reviewed both at subsystem and system level. Models of the rocket are under detailed wind tunnel tests and procurement of long lead items has been initiated. Design and fabrication of facilites required for GSLV are also underway.

(c) India has already established capability to launch 50 kg class scientific satellites into low earth orbit, through the launch of Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 (SLV-3) during 1979—83. The first developmental launch of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) carrying Indian Rtmote Sensing Satellite-1E (IRS-1E) is scheduled in the second half of 1992 and that of GSLV carrying INSAT 2 class satellite during 1995-96.

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi and related papers

1. THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1792/92]

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Press Council of India, New Delhi

2. THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Press Council of India New Delhi for the period from 1st April, 1990 to 31st March, 1991, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts, under section 20 of the Press Council Act, 1978.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1849/92]

I. **Report and accounts (1990-91) of the Central Electronics Limited, New Delhi and related papers.**

II. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Indian Science Congress Association, Calcutta and related papers.**

III. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram and related papers.**

IV. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Vigyan Prasar, New Delhi and related papers.**

V. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Satendra Nath Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Calcutta and related papers.**

VI. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Academy of Sciences, India, Allahabad and related papers.**

VII. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar and related papers.**

VIII. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Calcutta and related papers.**

IX. **Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Electronics Research and Development Centre, Thiruvananthapuram and related papers.**